

DISTRICT COURT (THIRD DISTRICT : SALT LAKE COUNTY) [1688]

PROBATE MINUTES, 1884#1971

23.5 cu. ft. (35 vols.), and 42 microfilm reels

DESCRIPTION: In 1884, the Salt Lake County Probate Court began to keep probate minutes in addition to ESTATE REGISTERS. The minute books record the daily proceedings in probate and guardianship matters in Salt Lake County. Adoption cases are also recorded. Occasionally, around the turn of the century, incorporation proceedings and corporate dissolutions are included. Each day has records of several cases, and an individual case will span multiple dates.

The minutes are brief entries recording times set, notifications made, and various orders. Orders in estate cases pertain to appointing executors, appointing appraisers, approving bonds of administrators, making family allowances, selling property, etc. In the case of a contested estate, the minutes will name the contestants and their attorneys and state who was sworn and examined but not detail his or her testimony. Details in regard to the will, the amount of the estate, or the distribution are not usually recorded; those details are found in the SALT LAKE COUNTY PROBATE RECORD BOOKS.

Orders in guardianship cases relate to issuance of letters of guardianship, sale of property held in trust, release of guardians, etc. Adoption cases include mention of hearings held, names of parents or social service agency and prospective parents examined, and orders of adoption. Occasionally changes of name cases are noted, listing the old and new names for each petition. More information on each case is recorded in the PROBATE RECORD BOOKS.

With statehood in 1896, the probate courts were abolished and the Third District Court Probate Division in and for Salt Lake County assumed jurisdiction over Salt Lake County probate and guardianship matters. Entries were continued in the same volumes. For a brief period, the probate judge refused to step down, so from January 17, 1896 to February 4, 1896,

the probate court and the district court heard the same cases, with the same clerk keeping the minutes of each in the same volume, volume F. On February 5, 1896, the Supreme Court ruled that the probate court no longer existed and that therefore the judge no longer had any authority; the ruling is recorded on page 266.

The minute books span the period from 1884 to 1971. According to district court personnel, the keeping of formal minute books was abandoned in the late 1970s.

ARRANGEMENT: Entries in the volumes are chronological; the volumes have alphanumeric labels.

RELATED RECORDS: SALT LAKE COUNTY ESTATE REGISTERS, Series 3927, act as a docket to actions taken in probate division cases. SALT LAKE COUNTY PROBATE RECORD BOOKS, Series 3372, cover details of the guardianship, estate, and adoption cases after 1917, recorded in this series. SALT LAKE COUNTY ADOPTION RECORD BOOKS, Series 3932, cover details of adoption cases from 1884#1917. Individual PROBATE CASE FILES for Salt Lake County, series 1621, are also available.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: Disclosure of information on adoptions is restricted for 100 years without a court order. Incorporations and dissolutions, the estates of deceased persons, guardianships, and name changes are normally public information. Contact a reference archivist for assistance in obtaining access to information in this series.

CUSTODY HISTORY: The Salt Lake County Probate Court originally produced this series. Jurisdiction passed to the Third District Court Probate Division in and for Salt Lake County in 1896 when the probate courts were abolished.

PROCESSING NOTE: The series was scheduled to be microfilmed and destroyed in 1968. Most volumes were filmed in 1982#1983. None of the territorial volumes were ever discarded. Volumes in the A-1 through Z-1 sequence were turned over to the State Archives by the County Archivist in August 1989 and filmed in 1991. Archival processing was completed in 1989 by A.C. Cone with updates as new volumes were received from the court.

CONTAINER LIST

Reel	Box	Dates	Volume
1	1	1884, Aug 11#1888, Apr 12	A
1	32	1888, Apr 13#Nov 27	B
2	32	1888, Nov.	B

Reel	Box	Dates	Volume
		27#1890, Feb 20	
2	2	1890, Feb	C
		20#1891, Jun 30	
2	3	1891, Jul	D
		1#1892, Jul 9	
3	3	1892, Jul	D
		11#1893, Mar 17	
4	4	1893, Mar	E
		18#1895, Feb 23	
4	5	1895, Feb	F
		25#1896, Sep 5	
5	None	1896, Sep	G
		10#1898, Apr 16	
6	None	1898, Apr	H
		18#1900, Sep 29	
6	None	1900, Oct	I
		1#1902, Dec 31	
7	None	1903, Jan	J
		2#1904, Dec 13	
7	None	1905, Jan	K
		3#1906, Aug 17	
8	None	1906 Aug	K
		17#Nov 8	
8	None	1906 Nov	L
		9#1909, Jan 2	
8	None	1909, Jan	M
		4#1910, Mar 18	
9	None	1910, Mar	M
		18#1911, Jan 3	
9	None	1911, Jan	N
		4#1913, Jan 6	
10	None	1913, Jan	O
		7#1915, Jan 4	
11	None	1915, Jan	P
		4#1916, Nov 17	
11	None	1917, Jan 2#May	Q
		25	
12	None	1917, May	Q
		25#1918, Dec 31	
12	None	1919, Jan	R
		3#1920, May 7	
13	None	1920, May	R
		7#1922, Jan 4	
13	None	1922, Jan	S
		6#1923, Sep 14	
14	None	1923, Sep	S
		14#Dec 31	
14	None	1924, Jan	T

Reel	Box	Dates	Volume
		2#1926, Jun 30	
15	None	1926, Jul#1929, U Jan 5	
16	None	1929, Jan	V
		7#1930, Dec 31	
16	None	1931, Jan 2#Aug 6	W
17	None	1932, Sep	X
		2#1933, Aug 11	
18	None	1933, Aug	X
		11#Dec 30	
18	None	1934, Jan	Z
		2#1935, Jul 30	
19	6	1935, Jul	A-1
		30#1936, Oct 7	
19	7	1936, Nov	B-1
		9#1938, Jun 24	
20	8	1938, Jun	C-1
		25#1939, Nov 14	
20	9	1939, Nov	D-1
		15#1941, Mar 15	
21	10	1941, Feb	E-1
		26#1942, Jun 13	
22	11	1942, Jun	F-1
		15#1943, Nov 6	
22	12	1943, Nov	G-1
		8#1944, Nov 18	
22	13	1944, Nov	H-1
		20#1946, Feb 11	
23	14	1946, Feb	I-1
		13#1947, Feb 24	
23	15	1947, Feb	J-1
		24#1948, Jun 9	
24	16	1948, Jun	K-1
		8#1949, Oct 19	
24	17	1949, Oct	L-1
		19#1951, Jan 5	
25	18	1951, Jan 8#Dec 27	M-1
25	19	1952, Jan	N-1
		2#1953, Jan 3	
26	20	1953, Jan 5#Dec 31	O-1
26	21	1954, Jan 4#Dec 31	P-1
27	22	1955, Jan 3#Dec 31	Q-1
27	23	1956, Jan 3#Dec	R-1

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		29	
28	24	1956, Dec	S-1
		31#1957, Dec 31	
29	25	1958, Jan 2#Dec	T-1
		31	
29	26	1959, Jan 2#Dec	U-1, p 1-575
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30	26	1959, Jan 2#Dec	U-1, p 575-end
		31	
30	27	1960, Jan 4#Dec	V-1
		30	
30	28	1961, Jan 3#Dec	W-1, p 1-580A
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31	28	1961, Jan 3#Dec	W-1, p 580A-end
		29	
31	29	1962, Jan 2#Dec	X-1
		21	
32	None	1962, Dec	Y-2 [sic]
		24#1963, Mar 18	
33	None	1963, Mar	Y-2 [sic]
		18#1964, Jan 24	
34	30	1964, Jan	Z-1
		27#1965, Feb 11	
35	None	1965, Feb	A-2
		15#1966, Feb 4	
35	None	1966, Feb 6#Aug	B-2
		12	
36	None	1966, Aug	B-2
		12#1967, Feb 17	
36	None	1967, Feb	C-2
		20#1968, Jan 19	
36	None	1968, Jan 22#Jul	D-2
		3	
37	None	1969, Jan 2#Nov	E-2
		28	
38	None	1969, Dec	F-2
		1#1970, Oct 16	
39	31	1970, Oct	G-2
		19#1971, Sep 24	
40	33	1971, Sep	H-2
		27#1972, Jun 30	
41	34	1972, Jul	I-2
		3#1973, Jun 22	
42	35	1973, Jun 25#31	J-2
		Dec	